

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Announcement of Stakeholders Meeting Regarding the Use of Screening Procedures for Drinking Water Compliance Monitoring**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of stakeholders meeting.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency will be holding a public meeting on Thursday, December 4, 1997. The purpose of this meeting is to present information regarding EPA's plans for the approval of screening procedures for the compliance monitoring of drinking water contaminants, to solicit public input on the potential uses of screening procedures, and to seek the preferences of the public regarding approaches for continued public involvement. This meeting is a continuation of public meetings that started in 1995 to obtain input on the Agency's Drinking Water Program. These meetings were initiated as part of the Drinking Water Program Redirection efforts to help refocus EPA's drinking water priorities and to support strong, flexible partnerships among EPA, states, local governments, and the public. At the upcoming meeting, EPA is seeking input from the regulated community (public water systems), method developers/vendors, analytical laboratories, research and regulatory personnel, environmental and public interest groups, and other stakeholders. Input is requested regarding the current and potential applications of screening procedures for drinking water compliance monitoring, their anticipated availability and costs, the development of a framework for the approval and use of screening procedures and of a screening procedure validation protocol, and other considerations that may shape future EPA action regarding contaminant analysis. EPA encourages the full participation of the public throughout this process.

DATES: The stakeholders meeting on Screening Procedures will be held on December 4, 1997 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at RESOLVE, 1255 23rd Street, NW. (Suite 275), Washington, DC 20037. For additional information, please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline, at phone: (800) 426-4791 or FAX: (703) 285-1101. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting may register by telephone through the Safe

Drinking Water Hotline by November 21, 1997. Those registered for the meeting by November 21, 1997 will receive background materials prior to the meeting. Members of the public who cannot attend the meeting in person may participate via conference call and should also register with the Safe Drinking Water Hotline by November 21, 1997. Members of the public who cannot participate via conference call or in person may submit comments in writing by December 19, 1997 to: William Labiosa, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW. (4607), Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information on meeting logistics, please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. For other information on activities related to the approval of screening procedures, please contact William Labiosa at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Phone: 202-260-4835, Fax: 202-260-3762.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Background**

On August 6, 1996, the Congress passed amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), which establishes a new charter for the nation's public water systems, states, and EPA in protecting the safety of drinking water. The amended SDWA requires EPA to review "new analytical methods to screen for regulated contaminants." After this review, EPA "may approve such methods as are more accurate or cost-effective than established reference methods for use in compliance monitoring" [SDWA, Section 1445(i)]. EPA is also exploring the use of screening procedures for use in the monitoring of unregulated contaminants with monitoring requirements. These methods are expected to provide flexibility to PWSs in compliance monitoring and are expected to be "better and/or cheaper and/or faster" than existing analytical methods.

B. Request for Stakeholder Involvement

EPA has announced this public meeting to obtain stakeholder input to the development of a framework for the identification, approval, use, and validation of screening procedures for the monitoring of drinking water contaminants. Approval and method validation processes based on the Streamlining protocol that was proposed on March 28, 1997 [62 FR 14975] will be discussed. EPA is also seeking input regarding the types of monitoring and contaminants for which

screening procedures may be most amenable.

The public is invited to provide comments on the issues listed above and other issues related to screening procedures during the December 4, 1997, meeting or in writing by December 19, 1997.

Dated: November 5, 1997.

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Notice of Receipt of Requests for Amendments to Delete Uses in Certain Pesticide Registrations**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 6(f)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, EPA is issuing a notice of receipt of request for amendment by registrants to delete uses in certain pesticide registrations.

DATES: Unless a request is withdrawn, the Agency will approve these use deletions and the deletions will become effective on May 11, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: James A. Hollins, Office of Pesticide Programs (7502C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location for commercial courier, delivery, telephone number and e-mail: Room 216, Crystal Mall No. 2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 305-5761; e-mail: hollins.james@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Introduction**

Section 6(f)(1) of FIFRA provides that a registrant of a pesticide product may at any time request that any of its pesticide registrations be amended to delete one or more uses. The Act further provides that, before acting on the request, EPA must publish a notice of receipt of any such request in the **Federal Register**. Thereafter, the Administrator may approve such a request.

II. Intent to Delete Uses

This Notice announces receipt by the Agency of applications from registrants